

Americas Competitiveness Exchange



Project Title	Americas Competitiveness Exchange
Project Summary	The Competitiveness Intern will support Commerce and State in executing the Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) program.
Country	United States

Project Description

1) Assisting in planning and implementing the ACE and other supporting programs. This will include working with the Organization of American States, the US Department of Commerce and the US State Department to identify and screen potential exchange candidates from Latin America, the Caribbean, and other regions globally. The intern will also assist in identifying and screening potential host sites, businesses, agencies and other actors in the respective US host locations.

2) Assisting in working with drafting the ACE trip book. This will include but not be limited to drafting participant biographies and securing photographs for the briefing book, drafting detailed partner descriptions, and ensuring that all logistical information is included in form and format required.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Analytical writing
Cultural diplomacy
Economic analysis
Editing and proofreading
Political Analysis
Research
Writing

Additional Information

ABOUT

The Americas Competitiveness Exchange is the leading economic development, innovation, and entrepreneurial network of the Americas and is one of the leading Ministerial – Level events of the Organization of American States (OAS). The ACE program is the core initiative of the Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC) , for which the OAS serves as Technical Secretariat.

The ACE brings together 50 senior-level government, business, policy, and economic decision-makers from across the Americas and beyond to experience first-hand the diverse range of projects, strategic investments, public-private partnerships, and best practices from a particular region's economic, innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem. These global top leaders are selected to participate in the week-long program tour innovation hubs, advanced technology centers, leading firms, and educational and research institutions, to explore local, regional, urban, and rural economic development models, share experiences and knowledge, and build networks among the local and visiting stakeholders to enhance economic competitiveness in the Americas.

ACE is designed to build cooperation networks throughout the Americas and beyond to create better economic development ecosystems to promote sustainable and inclusive economic development and increased trade.

To date, the ACE has been held eleven times since 2014. Seven times in the United States (Atlanta, Georgia and North & South Carolina in April 2014; Minneapolis, Minnesota-Central, Wisconsin & Chicago, Illinois in April 2015; Arizona & Southern California in April 2016; Central Texas in April 2017; North-Central Florida December 2017; Central California 2018; and Puerto Rico in 2019) and in Mexico in August 2014; in Cordoba, Argentina in October 2015; in Ontario, Canada in September 2016 and a special edition jointly hosted by Germany and Israel in June 2018. Chile will host ACE 12 in November 2019 with ACE 13 being hosted by the United States.

INSTITUTIONS:

ACE is convened in the context of the RIAC by its Chair Pro Tempore (revolving every two years); the Government of the United States, through its Department of Commerce (the International Trade Administration (ITA) and the Economic Development Administration (EDA)) and its Department of State ; and the General Secretariat of the OAS as the RIAC Technical Secretariat . This group makes up the standing ACE Coordinating Committee. For ACE events selected to be held outside the United States, the ACE Coordinating Committee will also include representatives from the ACE Host Country (the coordinating team and a representative from the Permanent Mission of the country to the OAS).

OBJECTIVES:

- Promoting long-term multinational commercial, trade, and investment partnerships between constituencies of the Participants;
- Identifying and sharing best practices in economic development, including public moreover, private partnerships, building local assets that grow businesses, cluster development, promoting entrepreneurship and coordinating regional economic development strategies;
- Stimulating capital investment and job creation in the region;
- Fostering an environment for innovative companies to startup and expand;
- Bringing together universities, industries, and governments to solve complex

challenges no one sector or business could address on its own; and

- Eliminating barriers to commerce and trade;
- Promoting economic resiliency; and
- Enhancing opportunities for underrepresented populations.

Language Requirements

None